

1 SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW OF NOVEMBER 4, 2004

2 UNDER MPEP § 713.04.

3 A telephonic interview was held on November 4, 2004 with participants
4 Michael Roswell, Examiner; John Cabeca, Examiner; and Mark Farrell, counsel
5 for the Applicants.

6 1) Cited prior art "WinAmp2" was discussed. WinAmp2 provides a
7 "skinnable" GUI. It was pointed out that Applicants' list system, on the other
8 hand, provides a standardized list generator (e.g., a *generic*, universal engine, that
9 extends an API and works across different platforms and applications) that can be
10 included by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in appliances that use
11 embedded computing elements: e.g., a car, a kitchen blender with a face display, a
12 sound system, etc. In other words, Applicants' subject matter provides a pre-
13 packaged list display system or interface (API) that works in a wide variety of
14 appliances and applications, without an OEM having to write custom list
15 generating code for each particular platform or application:

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 <sup>"The systems and methods as described, thus provide a way to provide a
standardized way to create common user interface mechanisms, such as
display lists, while affording a product manufacturer to alter the visual
appearance of the user interface. As a result, a single application can be
utilized on multiple platforms to provide similar user experiences."</sup> (Page
23 of Applicants' specification, emphasis added.)

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1 WinAmp 2 reference and suggested narrowing language found in the proposed
2 amendment, such as changing or deleting “capable of being used.” The Examiner
3 pointed out that all the limitations of claim 26 did not appear to be incorporated as
4 verbatim language of claim 26 into the proposed amendment. Applicant aired the
5 possibility of adding proposed claim 34 as a new claim, such as in an amendment
6 or a separate continuation application. The Examiner suggested formalizing the
7 possibility in a response to the outstanding Office Action.

8 It should be noted that the Examiners were courteous and genuinely helpful
9 in trying to bring the case forward.
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